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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 13, and 21 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Kimura et al (5,739,650).

With respect to claim 13, Kimura teaches an operating specifications evaluation step (column 5, lines 13-67) in which a driving device for identifying a motor constant (column 4, lines 11-17) of a permanent magnet motor (fig. 7, 703) is provided to a user of a compressor (column 1, line 65) with having said permanent magnet motor, and said driving device drives said permanent magnet motor installed therein said compressor to extract a motor constant of said permanent magnet motor including a counter-electromotive voltage constant (column 3, lines 65-66); an efficiency monitoring (column 8, lines 1-40) step in which the efficiency of a product is monitored based on variation in said motor constant of said permanent magnet motor obtained in said operating specifications evaluation step, said compressor with said permanent magnet motor being installed in said product; and an efficiency reduction reporting step (column 8, lines 65-67; column 9, lines 1-12) in which an efficiency improvement measure including such as the timing (fig. 20, SP5-6) of exchanging said compressor is reported by an

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indicator, when the efficiency of said product obtained in said efficiency monitoring step is reduced.

With respect to claim 21, Kimura teaches a freezing/air conditioning (column, 1, lines 65) device comprising: a permanent magnet motor (fig. 7, 703) operated at variable speed by an inverter (fig. 7, 702) having an automatic tuning function (column 6, lines 10-15) or a program of the inverter, the inverter being able to identify a motor constant (column 4, lines 11-17) of a motor; a compressor driven by said permanent magnet motor, for discharging a refrigerant circulating through a refrigeration cycle; and a monitor device for monitoring performance such as the range of output (fig. 20, SP8) or reduction in efficiency by determining said motor constant identified during operation, wherein reduction in the efficiency is reported by an an alarm.

Claims 1, 2, 5-11, 14-20, and 22-24 are allowable.

Response to Arguments

The examiner has removed the rejected under 35 U.S. C. 112, second paragraph from office action dated November 25, 2008. Applicant's arguments filed 2/25/09 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive. Applicants arguments do not relate to claims 13, and 21.

Conclusion

THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL. Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within

TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Erick Glass whose telephone number is (571)272-8395. The examiner can normally be reached on 9-5 M-F.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Walter Benson can be reached on 571-272-2227. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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